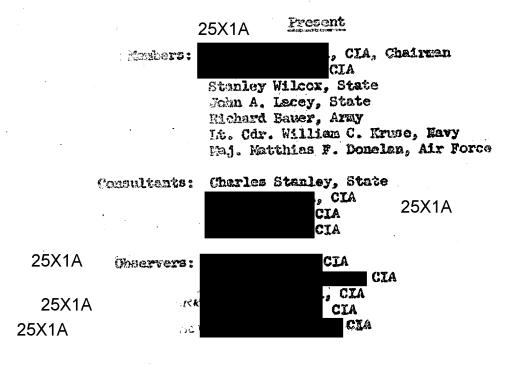
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MINUTES OF THE FIFTEENTH MEETING OF SUBCOMMITTEE ON EXPLOITATION OF FOREIGN LANGUAGE PUBLICATIONS

11 December 1953



- 1. The fifteenth meeting convened at 1400 hours, 11 December 1953, in Room 2125 M Building. The minutes of the fourteenth meeting were approved.
- 2. State (Mr. Lacey) commented on the views of the analysts of China Branch/DEF regarding their needs and their considered shortcoming of FMD service to meet those needs for information from Chinese publications. Mr. Lacey summarized the position of China Branch in the matter as follows:
 - a. Hong Kong Press Monitoring provides adequate coverage of the current press for the Department. FDD therefore should concern itself with the exploitation of non-current sources on specific request.
 - b. In reporting on a routine basis FOD should regularly exploit such publications as yearbooks, party tracts, legislative and legal reports, statistical compendia, and valuable reference materials in answer to specific requirements of State.

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- c. The methods of reporting desired would be in the form of compilations, collations or translations as the source material could be most effectively handled.
- d. The amount of time for allocation of this effort should be as much as FMD could afford.
- e. As to insertion of properly identified factual comment by FND, this should be done if the report can be better clarified by such insertion.
- f. Lisison should be much closer. It would be desirable to have an FDD officer actually sit in China Branch one day per week in order to improve such lisison.
- 3. The agenda for the next meeting will be a continuation of the exemination of exploitation of Chinese publications.
- 4. Meeting adjourned at 1530 hours, 11 Docember 1953. The next meeting will be held at 1400 hours, Monday, 21 Docember 1953 in Room 2125 M Building.



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